

Our public records policy

It is the policy of the Alabama Surface Mining Commission to promptly provide citizens with public records upon request, subject to their payment of reasonable fees, to applicable laws protecting sensitive information, and to the interest of the general public in having the business of government carried on efficiently and without undue interference.

Submitting a public records request

You may request public records by completing a public records request form, which is available here: <https://surface-mining.alabama.gov/PublicRecordsRequest.pdf>

What to expect

We strive to respond as promptly as possible to all public records requests we receive consistent with the demands of our agency's functions as determined by state law.

The nature of your request will dictate how promptly we respond. If your request very clearly identifies a specific, discrete document you are looking for, we will respond more quickly than if your request requires substantial staff time to process. A request will require substantial staff time to process if it requires difficulty in identifying and retrieving documents, is vague or overly broad, or requires measures to redact or otherwise withhold legally protected information.

In addition, we are permitted by state law to charge reasonable fees in connection with processing public records requests. Click here for our current fee schedule: <https://surface-mining.alabama.gov/PublicRecordsRequestGuidelines.pdf>

Questions?

You may contact our agency's public records coordinator by calling 205-221-4130 ext. 232 or through public.records@asmc.alabama.gov.